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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 13-37 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-19 and 22-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 20,21,27-31 and 35-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 32 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 33 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) <u>4, 5, 7, 14</u> | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's arguments, filed August 21, 2003, with respect to species requirement have been fully considered and are persuasive. The species requirement has been withdrawn.
2. Claims 13-19 and 22-26 remain withdrawn from consideration as being drawing to a nonelected invention. An action on the merits of claims 20, 21, and 27-37 is contained herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In the absence of distinct modifications to the chemical core claimed or distinct language to describe the structural modifications or the chemical names of derivatives of this invention, the identity of said derivatives would be difficult to describe and the metes and bounds of said derivatives applicant regards as the invention cannot be sufficiently determined because they have not been particularly pointed out or distinctly articulated in the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art does not teach or suggest a method comprising passing a peritoneal dialysate through an adsorbent cartridge comprised of a carbonyl compound-trapping agent and allowing carbonyl compounds to be trapped by the agent thereby reducing the carbonyl compounds in the peritoneal dialysate. Cerami et al. US 5,128,360 (Cerami) is seen as the closest prior art. Cerami teaches a method of inhibiting protein aging by contacting the target protein with a composition comprising an agent or compound capable of inhibiting the formation of advanced glycosylation end products by reacting with the carbonyl moiety of the early glycosylation product of such target proteins formed by their initial glycosylation. However, Cerami does not teach or suggest removal of early glycosylation products using an adsorbent cartridge containing the carbonyl compound-trapping agent.

Conclusion

6. Claims 13-37 are pending. Claims 13-19 and 22-26 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawing to a nonelected invention. Claims 32 and 34 are rejected. Claim 33 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20-21, 27-31, and 35-37 are allowed.

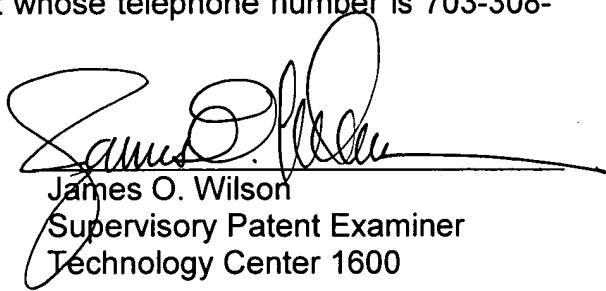
Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick T. Lewis whose telephone number is 703-305-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 703-308-4624. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-305-3014.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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